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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[Letters addressed to "Correspondence" will receive attention in this column. Inquiries are solicited.]

Q. Is there a patron saint for tailors?

A. Saint Goodman or Gutman.

Q. What is the source of the saying, "There is luck in odd numbers"?

A. It is from Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor."

Q. What was the probable population of the world at the time of Christ?

A. It is estimated to have been fifty millions.

Q. What days of the week were August 31, 1887, December 13, 1890, December 14, 1893, November 8, 1895, February 4, 1893?

A. Wednesday, Saturday, Tuesday, Friday, Sunday.

Q. Where can I get information as to the kind and amount of timber in the United States?

A. Address the Division of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Q. What is the meaning of "Hudibras"?

A. It is the title of a witty poem satirizing the Puritans, written by Samuel Butler. Sir Samuel Luke, presumably was the prototype of Hudibras. The poem was published in several parts between 1663 and 1678.

Q. By what means can a blacksmith obtain a position in the United States navy?

A. Blacksmiths are enlisted in the navy, are classed as petty officers and receive \$50 per month, on first enlistment. Full information can be obtained from the Navy Department, Washington.

Q. Have measurements of the speed and volume of the Gulf Stream ever been taken?

A. Many times, it being the best known of ocean currents. Volume and velocity vary at different places. At one point, in the Straits of Florida, the speed is about three knots and the passage of water about four hundred million tons daily.

Q. What is the definition and derivation of the word Oregon?

A. Different derivations are given by different authorities. One traces it to ergano, the Spanish name for wild sage, which was abundant along the Oregon river. Another thinks that it came from Orejon, meaning big ear, from the custom of the Indians round about of stretching their ears in ornamenting them.

Q. Is there any place in the United States where a man can be put in jail for debt?

A. The penalty still prevails in many States. The old and usually followed rule that permitted imprisonment for debt worked so great injustice that it has been abolished, but exceptions remain. These are generally in cases of debt founded on fraud, misfeasance and non-payment of fines and penalties.

Q. The early settlers of Massachusetts took the "freeman's oath." What did this signify?

A. The freeman's oath was framed by the magistrate of the colony and was imposed on every freeman, who thereby swore allegiance to Massachusetts. It was denial of the right to impose this oath that brought Roger Williams to the bar, where he refused to take it, and this refusal was one of the causes that led to his banishment.

Q. Can you give an example of a noted person who was precociously learned as a child?

A. John Stuart Mill was an example. His education was developed by his father with a view to precocious development. The child began the study of Greek when three years old, at eight was reading Xenophon and Herodotus, and when twelve had read the leading Latin and Greek poets, essayists, orators and dramatists. These courses had been mingled with higher mathematics, history and experimental science.

Q. What are the dimensions and

materials of the walls of Pekin?

A. The walls of the Tartar City are fifty feet high and forty feet wide, and are elaborated with buttresses and loop-holed parapets. The walls of the Chinese city are about thirty feet in height and their width is from twenty-five feet at the base to fifteen at the top. There are some twenty miles of them, with facings of brick and stone and filled in with earth and concrete.

Q. How long have inventors been experimenting with submarine boats?

A. For 300 years, more or less. William Bourne of London had a plan for submarine navigation in 1578, but there is no record of an actual trial. Following him came several men with complex schemes, and in 1871 Captain David Bushnell, an American engineer officer, devised a submarine torpedo craft. Five years later it nearly destroyed Lord Howe's flagship in New York harbor.

Q. Was there a real Baron Munchausen?

A. There was. He was a member of a noble family of Hanover and was born in 1720. From 1732 to 1739 he served in the Russian cavalry against the Turks. Thereafter he was accustomed to amuse his friends with tall tales of his experiences in war that he won the reputation of being the greatest liar in Germany. The first published collection of his yarns was in English, written by Rudolph Raspe. It was soon translated into German, and with additions has often been reprinted. Munchausen lived until 1797.

Q. What was the Mississippi banking scheme?

A. A French banking and commercial scheme that ended in wild speculation and failure. It was organized by John Law at Paris in 1717. Its object was to relieve the disordered French finances. Beginning as a private bank, it became a royal bank, and was linked to a commercial company, to which the entire American province of Louisiana was granted. It issued paper money with extraordinary liberality, and at the height of its success its shares sold for thirty or forty times their face. Early in 1720 the bubble burst and general distress and bankruptcy followed.

Q. Is it true that the level of the Mediterranean is lower than that of the Atlantic? If so, why is not the difference adjusted? And, if so, is there not a current at Gibraltar that makes it difficult for vessels to navigate?

A. There is such a difference and the explanation lies in the narrowness of the Straits of Gibraltar and the excessive evaporation in the Mediterranean. The latter is due to the hot winds that sweep over the sea from Africa, and to the withholding of cold winds from the north—which should they meet with the others would cause rains—by the Alps and the Pyrenees. The current at the surface of the middle of the straits always sets strongly towards the Mediterranean, and is troublesome to sailing vessels, but the water of the depths and sides flows the other way moderately. Engineers have also found a difference in the level of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans at the Panama canal, the Pacific being higher.

Amendment Beaten.

Mayor C. Lyman Dennison, Town Attorney John McGraw and Councilman Henry McCormick of Bellevue, were present Monday night at the session of the Assembly when the amendment to the Beard bill, introduced by Assemblyman Murray of East Orange, was defeated by a vote of 34 to 30.

The amendment provided that if a municipality in which it was proposed to place a sewage-disposal plant should refuse its consent, an appeal could be taken to the State Board of Health, in which final judgment as to the location should rest.

The Beard bill, in its original form, prohibits one municipality from establishing a sewerage disposal plant in another municipality without the consent of the latter.

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### Chief Engineer's Report.

The fifth annual report of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department Bernard F. Higgins has been submitted to the Town Council, and shows the number of alarms of fire responded to during the year, the locations and causes thereof, also a detail of the manual force of the department and an inventory of its equipment.

The manual force of the department consists of the chief engineer, three assistants, five company firemen and five assistants. Exclusive of officers, the fire company active membership roll is as follows: Essex Hook and Ladder Company, eleven men; Phoenix Hose Company, nineteen men; Active Hose Company, nineteen men; Excelsior Hose Company, nineteen men; Montgomery Hose company, sixteen men. Total officers and men, eighty-nine.

During the year 1911, the fire department responded to forty-two box alarms and three still alarms and was on duty twenty-one hours and five minutes. The fires during the year entailing a loss of upwards of \$1,000 were as follows: December 25, 1910, G. Lee Stout's house, Franklin street, \$2,500; November 30, 1911, house No. 206 Jerome place, loss \$1,500.

The total fire losses during the year amounted to \$7,750, and the amount of insurance paid, \$6,775.

Thirty-six fire alarm boxes are now placed in the town. The fire alarm system during the past year, the chief says, has not been satisfactory and the superintendent of the system claims that it was due to the changes made by the D. L. & W. R. Co., which interfered with the wires and caused the alarms to come in in a very unsatisfactory manner.

As mentioned in his previous report, the chief says that the transmitter at the police station has proven very satisfactory. A citizen telephoning an alarm to the police station should station some one at the nearest box to inform the firemen of the location of the fire.

The water supply during the year, Chief Higgins says, at times has been satisfactory, but at different occasions the pressure has been very low and this is a matter which the council should give serious consideration. There are now 305 hydrants placed in the town.

In concluding his report the chief extends his thanks to the Mayor, Town Council and Fire Committee for their earnest cooperation in matters pertaining to the conducting and maintenance of the department.

His trip to the International Convention of Fire Chiefs, held in Milwaukee, he says, was a pleasant and instructive one, especially at this time when the question of automobile fire apparatus is so widely discussed. At the convention there were numerous papers on that subject read, and at the Exhibition Hall thirty-two different automobile machines, trucks and hose wagons were displayed and only one horse-drawn wagon exhibited.

The chief again renews his recommendation of last year in favor of automobile apparatus. He says the firemen believe that it would be more satisfactory to purchase an automobile chemical engine at this time, as the horse-drawn apparatus is more expensive to maintain and keep in operation.

The chief recommends the purchase of a new truck for Essex Hook & Ladder Company as the one now in use is in a very dangerous condition, and he believes that the council will agree with him that, after twenty-nine years of service, something should be done immediately towards procuring a suitable truck.

### Friendly League Work.

Though not an employment agency and not desirous of the reputation of being one, the League for Friendly Service has been instrumental in putting a number of men and women out of work in touch with people seeking help during the past month. These people were persons who if work had not been found for them would have become public or private "charity cases."

Four men were placed in steady positions during the month and 21 days' work were furnished to women. The league is always on the lookout for the health conditions of the family, feeling that money and time are wasted if, for instance, tubercular children are fed, but are receiving no care for their disease. Four persons received hospital care this month at the instigation of the league, one received institutional care, nurse's care was enlisted for three families and physician's attention for six families. Medical appliances were secured for two persons.

Permanent or temporary relief is, where possible, secured by the league from interested individuals or societies, but often the society itself must furnish the assistance where there is no organization equipped for the purpose. During February one pension relief was started, that is relief lasting three months or over. Temporary hardships were tide over in six cases, three families received coal and seven clothing.

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### Warning to Glen Ridge.

Mayor Hinck of Montclair has been talking about the Beard Bill in a way that appears to imply that Glen Ridge will be made to suffer any nuisance that may emanate from an Imhoff sewage disposal plant if thwarted in their present plans of placing their proposed plant in this town and Belleville, Montclair will, according to Mayor Hinck, place an Imhoff plant of its own along Toney's brook, adjoining the Glen Ridge line.

Should the Beard bill, requiring the permission of a municipality to build a sewer disposal plant in its limits, become a law, it will make no difference in the policy of Montclair on the sewerage question, according to Mayor Hinck of the mountain town.

Mayor Hinck is quoted as saying that he expects the Beard bill to pass, and he characterizes it as "a piece of short-sighted State policy," and he thinks it should be left with the State Board of Health to decide whether a sewer disposal plant will or will not be detrimental to the interests of the people residing in the neighborhood.

Mr. Hinck said that if the sewer disposal plant cannot be established in the Soho section of Bloomfield and Belleville, then Montclair will establish the tanks in its own territory.

"Our present outlet sewer passes out of the town in the southeastern section, adjoining Glen Ridge," said the mayor. "We have space there to erect tanks which will accommodate Montclair for fifty years to come. On the ridge to the east, however, is located some of the best residential property in Glen Ridge. I do not believe a nuisance would be created, but those people might think differently. Even if there are no disagreeable odors, people dislike the notion of sewage disposal close to their homes."

Toney's brook is a tributary of the Passaic river and Mayor Hinck will run up against a snag if he undertakes to make that stream the outlet of his sewerage plant. Besides, Mayor Hinck is not all of Montclair and it is not likely that the people of that town will back up Mayor Hinck in his determination to experiment with an Imhoff plant. The outlay for putting the plant in working order is too great to risk in a questionable venture of that kind.

### Montclair Academy Notes.

The second basketball team has completed its schedule with but one defeat, and that by one point. The E. O. H. S. second team was the victor. This is the best second team the school has had for some years.

There were two first team games last week, both of which the academy five won. Scores: Montclair Academy 40, Rutherford High School, 14, and Montclair Academy 25, Kingsley School 23.

There will be a swimming meet with the Montclair High School this morning at 10 o'clock.

Last night the third basketball team played the Plymouth Athletic Club in the academy gymnasium.

On March 15 there will be a swimming meet between the St. Paul's School, Garden City, and the academy. The school musical clubs will give an entertainment in the evening.

On March 17 a representative of the University of Pennsylvania Y. M. C. A. will address the students in Walden House.

The Easter vacation has been changed and will extend from March 29 to April 9. The examination will take place on March 27 and 28.

The March issue of "On Bounds" is out, with a promise for a 40-page issue for April. This number will be the alumni number.

Since the first of the year sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Blount and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bell; namely, William Wells Newell, born January 3; H. B. Blount, Jr., born January 6, and Francis Herrington Bell II, born February 1.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Bloomfield Trust Company, of Bloomfield, N. J., at the close of business February 28, 1912.	
RESOURCES.	
Bonds and mortgages	\$ 488,000 00
Real estate	87,476 83
Time loans on collateral	9,569 50
Loans to cities and towns	12,578 82
Notes and bills purchased	153,591 56
Overdrafts	19 53
Due from banks, etc.	10,674 72
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	69,612 37
Cash on hand	27,290 17
Checks and cash items	2,675 11
Safe deposit department	11,849 00
Interest accrued receivable	26,669 96
	\$1,854,949 97
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 100,000 00
Surplus fund	100,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,960 56
Time deposits	728,596 43
Time certificates of deposit	27,827 14
Demand deposits	802,536 45
Certified checks	8,124 15
Treasurer's checks outstanding	250 28
Due to banks, etc.	30,922 27
Interest accrued payable	2,869 49
	\$1,854,949 97

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF ESSEX, ss: WILLIAM WHITE, President, and F. WILLIAM KNOLHOFF, Treasurer, of the above-named company, being severally duly sworn, each for himself, depose and say that the foregoing statement is true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM WHITE, President.  
F. WILLIAM KNOLHOFF, Treasurer.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, A. D. 1912.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 900,159 11
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	810 11
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	15,000 00
Other bonds to secure postal savings	67,481 32
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	25,000 00
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	461 23
Due from approved reserve agents	144,027 47
Checks and cash items	4,274 18
Notes of other National Banks and Bankers	2,426 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	504 17
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:	
Specie	\$22,906 15
Legal-tender notes	16,600 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (6 per cent of circulation)	2,500 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	2,000 00
Total	\$1,000,000 00

LIABILITIES.  
Capital stock paid in \$ 100,000 00  
Surplus fund 100,000 00  
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 13,287 11  
National Bank Notes outstanding 45,500 00  
Due to other National Banks 25,778 99  
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers 1,960 72  
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks 15,957 36  
Due to approved reserve agents 25 00  
Dividends unpaid 75 00  
Individual deposits subject to check 1,307,027 25  
Demand certificates of deposit 2,642 20  
Certified checks 22,596 41  
Postal Savings Deposits 244 00  
Total \$1,000,000 00

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COUNTY OF ESSEX, ss: I, LEWIS K. DODD, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of February, 1912.  
LEWIS K. DODD, Cashier.  
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